Claims

Please amend the claims as shown in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A method of displaying for a user information relevant to the subject matter of a document that is displayed on a computer screen, the method comprising the acts of:

(a) displaying in a first window on the computer screen a first document, wherein the first document has a title and a body, and wherein at least a portion of the body of the first document is displayed;

(b) simultaneously displaying on the computer screen in a second window links to a plurality of related documents, wherein the related documents are relevant to the subject matter of the first document that is displayed in the first window, and wherein the links displayed in the second window are not part of the first document;

(c) monitoring the user's input, wherein the user's input includes selection of one of the links in the second window;

(d) displaying in the first window a second document when the user selects one of the links in act (c), wherein the second document is the document that corresponds to the link in the second window selected by the user in act (c); and

(e) automatically updating, without requiring further input from the user, the second window when the second document is displayed in the first window, wherein the second window is updated so that links to a second set of related documents are displayed in the second window simultaneously with the second document that is displayed in the first window, wherein the second set of related documents are relevant to the subject matter of the second document that is displayed in the first window in act (d), and wherein the links displayed in the second window are not part of the second document.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the act of displaying in a first window on the computer screen a first document includes the acts of:

displaying the first document in a hypertext format; and

permitting the user to manipulate a scroll bar associated with the first window so that a non-displayed portion of the body of the first document can be scrolled into the first window.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising the acts of:

(f) monitoring the user's selection of a backtrack button; and

(g) displaying in the first window a previously displayed document when the user selects the backtrack button.

20. (New) A system using a computer to display for a user information relevant to the subject matter of a document that is displayed on a computer screen, wherein the computer is programmed to:

(a) display in a first window on the computer screen a first document, wherein the first document has a title and a body, and wherein at least a portion of the body of the first document is displayed;

(b) simultaneously display on the computer screen in a second window links to a plurality of related documents, wherein the related documents are relevant to the subject matter of the first document that is displayed in the first window, and wherein the links displayed in the second window are not part of the first document;

(c) monitor the user's input, wherein the user's input includes selection of one of the links in the second window;

(d) display in the first window a second document when the user selects one of the links in act (c), wherein the second document is the document that corresponds to the link in the second window selected by the user; and

(e) automatically update, without requiring further input from the user, the second window when the second document is displayed in the first window, wherein the second window is updated so that links to a second set of related documents are displayed in the second window simultaneously with the second document that is displayed in the first window, wherein the second set of related documents are relevant to the subject matter of the second document that is

displayed in the first window, and wherein the links displayed in the second window are not part of the second document.

21. (New) An apparatus for displaying for a user information relevant to the subject matter of a document that is displayed on a display, the apparatus comprising:

(a) means for displaying in a first window on the display a first document, wherein the first document has a title and a body, and wherein at least a portion of the body of the first document is displayed;

(b) means for simultaneously displaying on the display in a second window links to a plurality of related documents, wherein the related documents are relevant to the subject matter of the first document that is displayed in the first window, and wherein the links displayed in the second window are not part of the first document;

(c) means for monitoring the user's input, wherein the user's input includes selection of one of the links in the second window;

(d) means for displaying in the first window a second document when the user selects one of the links in act (c), wherein the second document is the document that corresponds to the link in the second window selected by the user in means (c); and

(e) means for automatically updating, without requiring further input from the user, the second window when the second document is displayed in the first window, wherein the second window is updated so that links to a second set of related documents are displayed in the second window simultaneously with the second document that is displayed in the first window, wherein the second set of related documents are relevant to the subject matter of the second document that is displayed in the first window in means (d), and wherein the links displayed in the second window are not part of the second document.